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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. In the parts complex, breasts items ranged adequate to available. Dark meat items were at least adequate. Wings were in good balance to well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Dec. 17, 2005 FOOD SERVICE/

	FAST FOOD	<u>RETAIL</u>	DEBONING	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	
Total (000)	23,418	14,124	41,198	78,740
Percentage	30%	18%	52%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,272	2.89
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,942	8.82
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,689	13.58
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	<u>3,515</u>	4.46
		23 /18	20.75

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Place	ed F	Prelim. Fed. In	isp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks		Million head		
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%* *	
Oct 29	201,410	102	169,972	103	208,046	103	168,610	103	164,585	100	
Nov 05	207,697	103	165,039	102	212,445	101	172,817	100	161,982	98	
Nov 12	210,015	101	164,991	102	210,422	101	170,636	99	163,999	101	
Nov 19	210,242	101	164,299	101	209,054	103	169,964	102	163,621	100	
Nov 26	214,580	102	168,767	102	202,131	102	165,889	103	126,447	77	
Dec 03	213,393	103	171,740	101	207,182	103	168,239	102	164,540	130	
Dec 10	213,869	102	173,581	101	204,666	102	166,566	101	161,899	98	
Dec 17	215,898	102	175,812	102	209,871	103	170,241	103	164,304	101	
Dec 24	214,236	102	175,082	102	202,592	103	165,290	102	151,687	92	
	Data in l	hold are	subject to rev	ision *I	Percent of n	revious v	ear **Percent	chang	e from nrevio	ne week	

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	
Week of 01/02/06					
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	55-58	57.08	56.87	69.22	
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	52-55	56.09	56.11	64.87	
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	78	75.77	75.77	77.64	
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		63.33	62.33	69.98	
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	69.33	69.45	72.34		
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day	35.60	33.27	43.23		

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	12/30/05	12/30/05	01/03/06
Breast – B/S	99.55	93.32	109.00
Tenderloins	93.91	84.36	139.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	50.36	54.65	59.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	25.59	21.05	29.00
Wings	83.53	79.52	84.50

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